3. Officers held responsible;
4. Causes that led to the defalcation;
5. Amount recovered;
6. Amount pending recovery; and
7. Arrangements made to effect recovery.

**Mr. K. KRISHNA PISHARODI** (*Comptroller of Accounts and Finance Member*).

The instances directly to the point are either under investigation or adjudication.

## Contribution to the Municipalities.

**Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL** (*Trichur*).

**73.** Will the Government be pleased to state what amounts it has contributed annually towards Municipal expenditure for the various Municipalities of the State for the last six years, and

On what principle the amounts have been apportioned?

**Mr. K. KRISHNA PISHARODI** (*Comptroller of Accounts and Finance Member*).

The statements showing the contributions made by Government for ordinary Municipal purposes and for Town Improvement are placed on the table (*Vide Appendix 3*).

Government have not followed any hard and fast rule in the matter. They have exercised considerable discretion in the apportionment of grants. The general contributions were for ordinary Municipal purposes and were made with the object of enabling the Municipalities to make up annual budget deficits. The special contributions for Town Improvement were made when it appeared to the Government that the improvement of the town was urgently called for and that the Municipality would not be able to accomplish it without assistance.

**Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL** (*Trichur*).

Sir, in regard to this answer that the Government have not followed any hard and fast rule, and that they have exercised special discretion in their grants, I wish to put a supplementary question--whether the amounts to enable the Municipalities to make up the annual deficit budgets were sanctioned upon the provisional budget. I desire to get the information.

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**President.**—In regard to the latter part of the answer, please make the question intelligible.

**Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL** (*Trichur*).

I desire to know whether the Government had any hand in the actual expenditure of the amount advanced by the Government ?

**Mr. C. A. OUSEPH** (*Chalakkudi*).

Sir, I rise to a point of order. Only one supplementary question can be put on the same answer. One question has been put and answered.

**Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL** (*Trichur*).

There are two parts to be dealt with. Otherwise, this question cannot be asked.

**President.**—What you want to say is that the answer comprises more than one statement of fact. So, with reference to each statement of fact, you want to put a question to elicit an answer. You may go on.

**Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL** (*Trichur*).

With regard to the second part of the answer, I request you, Sir, to furnish information as to whether the Government had any control over the expenditure of the amounts allotted for Town improvement to the several Municipalities.

**President.**— The Municipalities are administering Town Improvement Funds.

**Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON** (*Mulakunnattukavu*).

A lump sum is allotted over and above the allotment with regard to which the Government has control over the actual expenditure itself.

**Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL** (*Trichur*).

Sir, the Government think that it is necessary, in a particular year, to sanction a sum of Rs. 10,000 for Town Improvement. I want to know whether the Government has seen the expenditure of this Rs. 10,000 sanctioned to the Municipality ?

**President.**—Is your point whether the Government is aware as to whether the money is properly spent ? The amount has been sanctioned for Town Improvement, as will be seen from the answer.

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**Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL** (*Trichur*).

In one particular year, I find, from the answer, that Rs. 10,000 has been allotted to the Trichur Municipality—that is in 1099. In regard to other Municipalities, I desire respectfully to ask whether the Government has had any control over the actual expenditure ?

**President.**—That is to say, you want to know whether the estimates of the work have been called for and inspected. These must have been passed before the work was executed. That is the ordinary procedure.

**Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL** (*Trichur*).

Rs. 10,000 in 1099. I desire to get the information as to whether the Government have seen whether the expenditure of Rs. 10,000 has been spent on Town Improvement, and for what Town improvement, whether the Government had any directing hand in the affairs of the Municipality, or whether it was left entirely to the discretion of the Municipality, so much so that the Government do not seem to know whether the work has been actually carried out or not.

**Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON** (*Mulakunnattukavu*).

The estimate is passed by the Government. Beyond that, they have no control.

**President.**—If you want to know whether all the amounts have been utilised, then, that is another question.

**Dr. A. G. MENON** (*Tattamangalam*).

The expenditure of every pie should be furnished to the Government. Government takes the estimates and passes them. Then the execution of the work is undertaken.

**President.**—You want to find whether the actual expenditure is left to the Municipality concerned. Of course, it depends upon the estimate. We have to sanction the expenditure. Suppose you send up an estimate for Rs. 5,000. We look into the rates, valuation, etc., and if we see that they are all properly done, we pass it, and then the execution of the work is undertaken by the P. W. D. Beyond sanctioning the provisional budget, the Government has not seen the

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actual expenditure of the amount or whether the amount has been spent for the purpose originally budgetted for.

**Dr. A. G. MENON** (*Tattamangalam.*).

Is not the Completion Bill submitted?

**Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON** (*Mulakunnattukavu*).

The Completion Bill is submitted, after the completion of the work. All that is ordinarily done in the P. W. D. and here also. I do not think it possible for anybody, after sanctioning the estimate, not to execute the work and take away the money.

**Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL** (*Trichur*).

Sir, I desire to get a definite answer, inasmuch as my information as to the facts is not exactly as the President says.

**President.**—You think that there are cases in which the Government has allotted a definite sum for the purpose of executing a definite work, and that sums drawn for the purpose were not utilised.

**Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL** (*Trichur*).

I beg your pardon, Sir. I am given to understand that in respect of allotments made for certain items of Town Improvement, the amounts have been utilised in a manner different from that originally requisitioned for. For Town Improvement Rs. 2,500 is budgetted. These several amounts have not been disbursed. That is my information.

**President.**—That is the diversion of the funds for the purpose for which it was not originally intended.

**Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL** (*Trichur*).

I was so informed. That is why I wanted accurate information.

**President.**—It cannot be furnished with such short notice.

## Amount advanced to the Trichur Municipality.

**Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL** (*Trichur*).

**74.** Will the Government be pleased to state —

(a) How much of the amount advanced by the Government to the Trichur Municipality for Town-Improvement remains unpaid?

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